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(U) Bay Area – Duo Targets Asian Women in Dozens of Hate-Crime Purse Thefts

(U) Two men accused of snatching purses from more than 40 Asian women starting in late 2020 also face hate crime charges, California prosecutors say. Derje Blanks, 23, and Anthony Robinson, 24, targeted women they thought were Asian because they believed Asian women don't use banks and would be carrying more cash, the Santa Clara County district attorney's office said. Thefts took place in San Jose, San Pablo, Hayward, East Palo Alto, Newark, San Leandro, Fremont, Campbell, Dublin, and Milpitas. Blanks and Robinson typically followed women to their vehicles, then smashed a window or pulled open a door to steal their purse after they had set it down on a seat, prosecutors said. Some women were pulled or wrestled to the ground during the thefts, injuring them. The duo would also sometimes refer to the women using racial slurs.

SOURCE: 19 September 2021, [MSN](#)

(U) Salinas – California Trucking Company Accused of Transporting Drugs for Cartel

(U) A California-based trucking company has been the subject of a months-long, multiple agency investigation that has resulted in large drug seizures and multiple arrests across Arizona and California. On Thursday, the Salinas Police Department held a press conference to report on the results of "Operation Black Hawk," a five-month investigation into the suspected drug trafficking of Salinas-based trucking company Nor Cal Transportation. According to the Salinas Police Department, Nor Cal "is suspected of operating a drug trafficking organization (DTO) with the specific intent to transport and distribute narcotics between Yuma, Arizona, and Salinas, California. During the investigations it was determined that, Nor Cal Transportation was directly connected to the Sinaloa Cartel and transporting narcotics in conjunction with Norteno gang leaders.

SOURCE: 19 September 2021, [CDL Life](#)

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(U) Delaware – Discover Card Cuts Ties with Left-Wing Group Over Terrorist Connections

(U) Wilmington – Discover has stopped processing donations to a left-wing US organization accused of supporting Palestinian terrorism. The credit card company last month froze donations to the Alliance for Global Justice (AFGJ), which provides funding to the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, a group that Israel labeled a terrorist organization earlier this year. Israeli officials declared in February that Samidoun, a pro-Boycott, divestment, sanctions group that helps free Palestinian prisoners from Israeli prisons, acts abroad on the behalf of the US-designated terrorist group Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

SOURCE: 17 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) Florida – Boat Carrying Migrants Lands on Miami Beach

(U) Miami – A large police presence responded to a migrant vessel that landed on Miami Beach Saturday. Video taken at the scene shows a small boat drive onto the sand before as many as ten people jump off and start running toward the street. Witnesses described observing a boat heading to the

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beach, with a helicopter in pursuit, making landfall and narrowly missing beachgoers swimming in the water. Upon landfall the vessel occupants sprinted in different directions. Miami Beach Police, agents from US Customs and Border Protection and the US Coast Guard were all on the scene.

SOURCE: 18 September 2021, [NBC 6](#)

(U) Michigan – FBI Working to Identify Person Responsible for Explosive Devices

(U) Cheboygan – The FBI is working to identify the person, or persons, responsible for leaving explosive devices with threatening notes outside cellphone stores this week in Cheboygan and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The FBI announced on Friday that on the previous evening of 16 September, two explosive devices were found at cellphone stores in the northern Michigan cities. Law enforcement officers and bomb technicians from the Michigan State Police and the FBI responded to the locations and rendered the devices safe, the FBI said. Both devices were packaged inside USPS mailboxes, sealed with black duct tape, and placed outside the cellphone stores. There were threatening notes addressed to Verizon and AT&T on the top of each box, signed either “HJ” or “Handcuff Johnny.” The letters “CMT” were also written on each box.

SOURCE: 20 September 2021, [WDIV](#)

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(U) Indonesia – ISIS Affiliate Leader Killed in Raid, says Indonesian Military

Sulawesi – Indonesia’s most wanted militant with ties to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) has been killed in a gun battle with security forces in a victory for the counterterrorism campaign against extremists in the jungles of Sulawesi island, the military said. Ali Kalora was one of two militants killed in the shootout, according to Central Sulawesi province’s military chief, Brigadier General Farid Makruf. He identified the other suspected extremist as Jaka Ramadan. The two men were shot during a raid on Saturday by a joint team of military and police officers in Central Sulawesi’s mountainous Parigi Moutong district, Makruf said. It borders Poso district, which is considered an extremist hotbed in the province. The East Indonesia Mujahideen has claimed responsibility for several killings of police officers and Christians, who are a religious minority. Security operations in Central Sulawesi have intensified over recent months in efforts to capture members of the network. The network pledged allegiance to ISIS in 2014.

SOURCE: 18 September 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Israel – Authorities Capture Last Two Palestinian Militants Who Broke Out of High-Security Jail

Jenin – Israeli forces on Sunday caught the last two of six Palestinian militants who tunneled out of a maximum-security Israeli jail nearly two weeks ago, in an escape that embarrassed Israel's security establishment but delighted Palestinians. The two members of the Islamic Jihad militant group were apprehended before dawn from a house in the Palestinian city of Jenin in the occupied West Bank, Israeli Police said. An Israeli police spokeswoman identified the men as Ayham Nayef Kamamji, 35, who was arrested in 2006 and is serving a life-sentence, and Munadel Yacoub Infeiat, 26, who was arrested in 2019, according to the Palestinian Prisoners Club. The other four were captured in pairs a week ago near the Arab city of Nazareth in northern Israel. All six have either been convicted or are suspected of planning or carrying out deadly attacks on Israelis.

SOURCE: 19 September 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – At Least 8 Killed in Mass Shooting on Russian University Campus

(U) Peutie – A gunman opened fire on a Russian university campus on Monday killing at least eight people in the country's second mass shooting this year to target students. Videos circulating on social media showed people throwing belongings from windows of university buildings in the central city of

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Perm before jumping to flee the shooter. The Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, said several people were injured in the attack at Perm State National Research University and that the suspect, a student at the university, had been wounded while being detained. State media broadcast amateur footage reportedly taken during the attack showing an individual dressed in black tactical clothing, including a helmet, carrying a weapon and walking through the campus.

SOURCE: 20 September 2021, [CBS News](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS Claims Syria Gas Pipeline Attack

(U) Damascus – ISIS on Saturday claimed responsibility for an attack on a major natural gas pipeline southeast of the Syrian capital that led to power outages in the city and surrounding areas. ISIS fighters “were able to plant and detonate explosives on the gas pipeline feeding the Tishreen and Deir Ali plants,” the group said in a statement. The Deir Ali station southeast of Damascus generates half of Syria’s power needs. Officials said an attack on the gas pipeline on Friday evening with explosive devices caused the station to go out of service temporarily. The outage affected several other stations, causing blackouts in Damascus, its outskirts and other areas, before power was restored about 30-minutes later.

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